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FM AMEMBASSY PARIS

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 9086

C O N F I D E N T I A L PARIS 11368

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: SREF, VS, US

SUBJECT: CLOSING OF GVN EMBASSY

REF: PARIS 11277

1. AS FOOTNOTE TO THE CLOSURE OF GVN EMBASSY HERE, AMBASSADOR QUANG TOLD US THAT AT THE LAST MINUTE THE GOVERNMENT OF FRANCE REFUSED TO TAKE CUSTODY OF THE APARTMENT WHICH HAS SERVED AS RESIDENCE FOR THE CHIEF GVN REPRESENTATIVE SINCE 1955. APPARENTLY PRESIDENT DIEM HAD ASSERTED GVN CONTROL OVER THIS APARTMENT, WHICH HAD BEEN PROPERTY OF EMPEROR BAO DAI. BAO DAI HAS APPARENTLY REQUESTED THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT TO RETURN THE APARTMENT TO HIM, AND THE GOF HAS RULED THAT IT IS HIS PRIVATE PROPERTY AND NOT GOVERNMENTAL PROPERTY TO BE RELEASED TO THE PRG. SINCE QUAI DID NOT RECEIVE KEYS OR IN ANY OTHER WAY INDICATE THAT THEY WOULD BE INVOLVED IN THE GVN ABANDONMENT OF CLAIM TO THE PROPERTY, QUANG, WHO LEFT THE APARTMENT MAY 3, WILL TURN OVER KEYS AND DOCUMENTS TO THE MANAGER OF THE BUILDING SINCE HE DOES NOT RECOGNIZE THAT THE GVN CAN RETURN THE PROPERTY TO THE REPRESENTATIVE OF PRIVATE CITIZEN BAO DAI. AMBASSADOR INTENDS TO ABANDON THE FURNISHINGS OF THE APARTMENT SINCE THE QUAI REFUSED EVEN TO ACCEPT THE INVENTORY AND RESPONSIBILITY FOR GVN-OWNED FURNITURE.

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2. COMMENT: THIS IS THE FIRST FRENCH ACTION WHICH
MIGHT ANNOY THE PRG.
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